should exercise due care and necessary precaution for the protection of the lockers provided to the customer and banks should review the systems in force for operation of safe deposits vaults/locker at their branches on an on-going basis and take necessary steps. The security procedure should be well documented and the concerned staff should be properly trained in the procedure. It has also been laid down that the internal auditors should ensure that the procedures are strictly adhered to.

**Motor Vehicle Insurance claim**

4191**.** SHRI N. R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of motor vehicle insurance claims settled during the last three years; company-wise and zone-wise;

(b) whether some officers have been found guilty of neglect of duty under the provision of conduct discipline and appeal rules;

(c) if so, the details thereof, company-wise and zone-wise;

(d) the number of officials suspended and the number of officials found guilty and still in service on the same post; and

(e) further action taken in this matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

**World Banks' prediction for food shortage**

4192. SHRI RAMDASAGARWAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether President of World Bank at the meetings of World Bank/International Monitoring Fund held in Washington in April this year expressed concern that has rolled economies around the world and led to high food and energy prices with the result that in many developing countries the poor spent 75 per cent of their income on food;

(b) whether the agencies like the World Bank are predicting that international food shortage will last for three to four years; and

(c) if so, what steps Government has so far taken to meet its needs of food items at reasonable prices?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The World Bank President at the Meetings of World Bank/International Monetary Fund (IMF) held recently in Washington expressed concern on the rising food prices and stated that the poor in the developing world spend as much as 75 per cent of their income on food. The World Bank has forcasted that the world foodgrain prices will remain high in the next three to four years. The Development Committee of the World Bank Group and IMF endorsed the "New Deal on Global Food Policy" to meet the food price crisis.

(c) Government of India has taken a number of steps to meet its needs of food items at reasonable prices including augmenting availability of wheat through public sector agencies,